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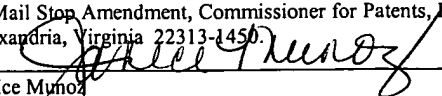
In re Applicant:	Mark Vella et al.	§	Art Unit:	3672
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Serial No.:	10/686,043	§		
		§	Examiner:	William P. Neuder
Filed:	October 15, 2003	§		
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Title:	Techniques And Systems	§	Docket No.	22.1512
	Associated With	§		(SHL.0240US)
	Perforation And The	§		
	Installation Of Downhole	§		
	Tools	§		

Mail Stop Amendment
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 21, 2005

Dear Sir:

Please cancel claims 3, 7-9, 11-16 and 22-31 without prejudice and amend the claims in accordance with the following CLAIM AMENDMENTS section; and consider the comments in the following REMARKS section.

Date of Deposit: March 10, 2006
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